GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:667
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2011
TRAIN ACCIDENT NEAR ARAKKONAM
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada;Ramasubbu Shri S.;Sharma Shri Jagdish;Shekhar Shri Neeraj;Singh Shri Yashvir

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) train rammed a stationery passenger train near Arakkonam junction in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of passengers died/injured;

(c) whether the Railways have announced ex-gratia to kin of the deceased;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of compensation paid so far;

(e) whether any enquiry has been conducted for the said mishap; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the findings of the said enquiry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 667 BY SHRI JAGDISH SHARMA, SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR, SHRI YASHVIR SINGH, SHRIMATI JAYA PRADA AND SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2011 REGARDING TRAIN ACCIDENT NEAR ARAKKONAM.

(a) & (b): On 13.09.2011 at 21.25 hrs., while the train No. 56007 Dn (Arakkonam − Katpadi) Passenger was waiting at Down Home Signal at Chitteri station of Arakkonam − Katpadi section of Chennai Division of Southern Railway, train No. 66017 Dn (Chennai Beach − Vellore) Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) collided in the rear of train No. 56007 Dn (Arakkonam - Katpadi) Passenger, resulting into derailment of two coaches of 56007 Dn Passenger and five coaches of train No. 66017 Dn MEMU, blocking through communication. 11 persons lost their lives (three railway staff & eight passengers), 23 passengers sustained grievous injuries and 66 passengers suffered simple injuries in this accident.

(c) & (d): Considering the human sufferings, Ministry of Railways has announced enhanced ex-gratia amount of Rs. 5 lakhs to the next of kin of each deceased, Rs. 1 lakh to each grievously injured and Rs. 25,000/- to each simple injured. Ex-gratia amount totaling to Rs. 87.50 lakhs has since been released to the next of kin of deceased and 81 injured passengers. Compensation shall be additionally payable to the victims on the basis of claims to be filed by them in the Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) and decrees awarded by the Tribunal.

(e) & (f): Statutory inquiry into the above train accident has been conducted by Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle under the Ministry of Civil Aviation. As per the Preliminary Report of Commissioner of Railway Safety, the accident was caused due to signal passing at danger by the Motorman of train No. 66017 Dn (Chennai Beach − Vellore) MEMU without stopping and then proceeding at more than prescribed speed.